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According to Sydsvenska Dagbladet Snallposten (Malmo), German experts have been commissioned to build newly designed heavy cruisers of the pocket battle-ship type for the USSR. Such cruisers are particularly suitable for attacking cargo ships, and are capable of greater speed than British and US cruisers now in use.

The Daily Mail's [London?] naval reporter writes that six such USSR warships are now under construction in Baltic and White Sea shipyards, and that a number of them will take part in the summer maneuvers.

The USSR's naval program (estimated cost for 1951, about 20 billion kronor) provides for yearly construction of at least two 10,000-ton cruisers having a maximum speed of 35 knots and a limited radius of operation. These ships, which are based on Italian models, are equipped with 12 seven-inch guns.

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